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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos 4

Part B for December 1931

SUBJECT

Certain irregularities in connection with road repairs recently executed in the Chitaldrug Municipality.

The D C Chitaldrug Dt
" Comptroller to Govt
No L 3943-4 of 28-11-31

~~Deptt~~ Records the correspondence ~~ending~~ ~~from~~ from the D C Chitaldrug Dt re the alr

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General and Revenue Secretariat | ML File No 31 of 1931-32

Serial No

From The Dy Comm^r Chittalong Dis
No - Vil & 28-10 1931
Submits for perusal and
return, Records relative to certain
irregularities discovered in
connection with road repairs
recently executed in the Chittalong
Municipality

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1) From the perusal of the report
of the Dy-Comm^r and its enclosures
it is seen that the Vice President
Mr Srinivasa Jois & the Sanitary
Inspector of the Chittalong Munic
were responsible for these irre-
gularities The Vice President has
resigned and the Sanitary Insp
has been reduced from Rs 51 to
Rs 30/=

2) If approved, the report
will be recorded thus a G.O.
Submd for orders

3) There is strong reason
to show that the
5 11 31 Vice Pres was also
involved but it is stated
that the evidence available
is not sufficient to warrant
legal prosecution against him

5) a draft letter may be put up

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT
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(Sen. Secy)

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NL File No 31 of 1931 | General and Revenue

From the Dy Comm^r, Chitaldrug Dt 2
No SL C 978/31-32 & 3-11-31
States that Mr H Srinivasa
Jois, the elected Vice President
of the Municipality tenders his
resignation on the 18th ins^t
& this has been accepted -

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT
14 NOV 1931
No 3369

6) Draft G O recording
the Correspondence is -
Subd for approval Refce:-
para 5 of the note supra-

14/11/31 Gen Secy) 14-11-31

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Issue
NS 23/11/31

To Dc-Chitaldrug reminded 3
No-Y3943-44 & 23/28-11-31
Reends, the Correspondence

Submits with a draft returning the
papers for approval

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT
Camp Davangere, 28th October
Dated Chitaldrug 192

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4 NOV 1931
L S G BRANCH.

SESHADRI Esquire M A,
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

H V RAMASWAMI Esquire M A , B.L ;
Secretary to Government,
General Department,
BANGALORE

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the preliminary Report dated the 7th instant and the final report dated the 17th instant, received from the District Treasury Officer and ex-officio President of the Chitaldrug Municipality regarding certain irregularities discovered in connection with road repairs recently executed in this Municipality

2 Towards the end of last month, I received several oral complaints that the Vice-President Mr Srinivasa Jois had recorded false measurements in respect of the gravelling of the roads in Chikpet and in the Extension and had helped himself to the monies thus filled for in excess On 30th September 1931, one Contractor Kasim Sab presented to me a petition repeating these allegations I asked the President to enquire into the allegations On 2nd October 1931, I received another petition signed by several persons making allegations against the Vice-President I immediately sent for the President, and instructed him to hold an enquiry forthwith and to take possession of the connected records as the petitioners gave me to understand that delay might mean disappearance of the records Accordingly, the President made enquiries into these complaints, obtained the statements of the Contractors concerned, and the explanation of the Sanitary Inspector and the Vice-President, and has submitted the reports referred to above

The facts ascertained during the investigation have [illegible] by the President in his first report of the 7

instant The works in respect of which irregularities have been committed are:-

1 Gravelling the road in Chikpet from Hinchagamma's temple to the Police Station;

2 Gravelling the Extension road adjoining the Compound wall to the west of the Deputy Commissioner's Quarters;

3 Other roads mentioned in Para 5,

4 Laying of stone slabs on the drain in front of Mr. Chenna Kesavaiya's house

4 The total quantity of gravel said to have been collected for the 1st named work is 467 cubic yards The Contractor for this work is one Kamplappa Naik He has been paid for collection on two bills dated 4th August 1931 and 26th September 1931 The first bill is for only collection of 337 cubic yards of gravel The measurements pertaining to this bill are recorded on pages 97 to 104 in the measurement book The entries purport to have been made by the Sanitary Inspector on 2nd August 1931 The Vice-President has made a note at the foot of these entries "checked" and has affixed his signature without date The Head Clerk has noted "checked" on 4th August 1931

5 The second bill paid on 26-9-31 includes the charges for spreading the gravel paid for in the 1st bill, and also for the collection and spreading of a another quantity of 130 cubic yards of gravel The measurements for this quantity are found at pages 105 and 106 of the measurement book From the entries appearing on the top of page 105, it would appear that the Sanitary Inspector noted these measurements on 8-8-31 In respect of the first four heaps noted on these pages, the Vice-President has said "checked" under date 8-8-31 Below these entries, some of these three heaps have been added on this page, and five more on the next page The Sanitary Inspector has not noted the date on which the third set of entries were made The Vice-President has simply signed his name at the foot of the page on 26-9-31 i e , the date of the second bill after the entries had been checked arithmetically by the Head Clerk on 23-9-31 The very fact that collection of gravel has been paid for on two different dates raises grave suspicion The Sanitary Inspector has explained that the quantity

page for in the first bill was found insufficient and the Contractor was therefore asked to collect some more gravel The Contractor has said, that he collected gravel only once and spread all the gravel thus collected at one stretch The Vice-President has explained that he did not actually check the gravel heaps noted on page 105 below his signature, and the heaps noted on the next page, but that he signed his name on page 106, trusting the entries made by the Sanitary Inspector The Head Clerk has explained that, when he checked the measurements arithmetically on 23-9-31, he found that these suspicious entries did not bear any evidence of having been checked He brought this fact to the notice of the Vice-President and suggested that these measurements should be disallowed The Vice-President is however said to have told the Head Clerk that he had checked these heaps in August alone and that he might make out the bill for the full quantity Accordingly, he made out the bill and the Pass Order on 23-9-31 and submitted them to the Vice-President who returned them to him on 26-9-31, the date on which he has signed his name on page 106 of the measurement book I have reason to believe the statement made by the Head Clerk The Vice-President must have been appraised before passing the 2nd bill that the entries in the measurement book were open to suspicion and should not be passed The Vice President now wants us to believe that the thir set of entries were false and that he was duped by the Sanitary Inspector I am not inclined to believe this statement The Sanitary Inspector would not have had the courage to make these false entries, if the Vice President had not colluded with him The Contractor Kampalappa Naik has said that in the second bill he was paid Rs 47/- in excess of what was due to him, that he questioned the Sanitary Inspector on this point, that the Sanitary Inspector told him that the excess payment was a mistake whereupon he paid the excess amount of Rs 47/- to the Sanitary Inspector who gave him to understand that he would credit the excess amount to the Treasury As observed by the President, this statement of the Contractor is incredible and

[illegible] by the Vice President

and his friends to make this statement to throw the entire blame on the Sanitary Inspector and to save the reflected glare of the Vice President I am satisfied from independant enquiries that if any money was paid by the Contractor at all it must have found its way into the hands of the Vice President and not the Sanitary Inspector

6 In order to obtain an approximate idea of the quantity of gravel that might have been used on this road, I had the road surface tested in convenient sections The calculations made show that about 475 cubic yards of gravel must have been used But this road is not regular, and it had once been gravelled in previous years It is difficult to distinguish between the old layer of gravel and the new The results obtained by the test cannot be relied upon It is impossible to verify even approximately the quantity of gravel used for this road I think, however, that this quantity charged for in the second bill viz , 150 cubic yards was not actually collected at all

7 The second work is the gravelling of the road in the Extension running adjacent to the compound wall to the west of my quarters The length of the road is 1200 feet and the maximum width is 19 feet 500 cubic yards of gravel are said to have been used for the road The Contractors for this road are Irappa and Hanumappa These have been employed by the Vice President in building his new house in the Extension The name of Irappa alone, however, appears in the bills This Earappa appears to know nothing about road repairs As in the case of the other road, the Contractor has been paid for collection on two different bills dated 7-8-31 and 3-9-31 The first bill included the charges for the collection of 304 cubic yards of gravel The measurements relating to this bill are recorded on pages 140 to 143 of the measurement book The entries purport to have been made on 2-8-31 by the Sanitary Inspector and checked by the Vice President on 4-8-31 These measurements seem to be correct and there is no reason to suspect them

8 The second bill paid on 3-9-31 included the charges for spreading the gravel paid for in the first bill, and also for the collection and spreading of another quantity of gravel

amounting to 196 cubic yards The measurements pertaining to this item are found on pages 144 and 145 and included two sets of entries The first set purports to have been made by the Sanitary Inspector, on 14-8-31 The Vice President has certified that he checked these heaps and found them to be correct under date 16-8-31 Below these entries, five heaps have been added on These entries have not been dated by the Sanitary Inspector The Vice President has simply affixed his signature in the margin The signature is in a different kind of ink from the other entries on this page The second set of entries are to say the least open to grave suspicion The Sanitary Inspector has explained that all the entries are correct, The Vice President has said that he did not actually check the second set of entries but affixed his signature on trust If the measurement made is to be believed, the gravel collection for this road must have been checked on three different occasions It is admitted by the Vice President that the five heaps noted on page 145 did not exist when he checked the measurements on 16-8-31, that these entri must have been made by the Sanitary Inspector subsequently and tha he has been deceived by the Sanitary Inspector I feel that the quantity of gravel said to have been used up for the road was far too much for a road of the dimentions referred to above This is a straight road with a uniform width It had not been gravelled before The layer of gravel could therefore be easily distinguished from the earth work of the road whereas equally formed I therefore suggested to the President that we might test the surfac of the road also Accordingly, tests were conducted by the Presiden on the evening of the 11th instant in the presence of the Sanitary Inspector The Executive Engineer and I were also present The Vic President absented himself although he had been appraised to be present The result of the test has been recorded by the President in his note dated 11-10-31 enclosed in the records According to the most liberal calculation, the quantity of gravel used for the road could not exceed 300 cubic yards, whereas the quantity billed for is 500 cubic yards The results of the test on this road are to my mind conclusive The Sanitary Inspector and the Vice President have to explain away this glaring discrepancy by saying that thi

was a new road and needed were gravel and that there were stones they had to be removed and had to be filled in The President has reported that these explanations are untenable and I agree with him I think that the quantity actually collected was that charged for in the first bill and I believe that the quantity viz , 190 cubic yards charged for in the second bill was never collected at all I am convinced that not only the suspicious entries at the foot of page 145, but also other entries on pages 144 and 145 which the Vice President has certified that he checked on 16-8-31 are false The Vice President happens to live on this very road It is impossible to believe that he did not know how many heaps of gravel had been actually collected on this road I have no doubt that the Vice President has deliberately made out a false bill with the connivance of the Sanitary Inspector and has also got measurements fabricated to support the second bill The Contractor Earappa has explained that he got Rs 40/-, more than was due to him in the second bill, that he paid the money to the Sanitary Inspector who told him that he would be crediting the money to the Treasury The similarity of this explanation with that given by the other Contractor Kamplappa Naik indicates that they have been inspired by the same source The statement is all the more improbable and incredible in the case of this man This Earappa is Vice President's man Granting that he had received money in excess and had paid to the Sanitary Inspector, he could not have failed to bring this fact to the notice of the Vice President I am convinced that this man has been put up by the Vice President to make this statement to save his own skin The Contractor in this case being the Vice President's man, must, if not all the money drawn on the second bill, have, I have reason to believe, passed into the hands of the Vice President

9 The irregularities noticed in respect of other roads have been explained by the President in para 5 of his first report They are all of a similar nature but less serious in character I do not therefore propose to comment on them at length

10 The last work is that of covering with slabs the drain in front of Mr Chenna Keasavaiva's house The complaint about this work is not about the quantity, but about the rate

The allegation is that when other Contractors were ready to take up the work at one anna per square foot the work was given to the same Earappa referred to above at 2½ annas The measurement of this work are recorded on page 107 of the measurement book The work consisted only of carting slabs supplied by others and covering with them the drains in different points in the Town The Sanitary Inspector has explained that he put down the rate at 2½ annas under the dictation of the Vice President The latter had repudiated this statement He has said that he felt the rate to be too high, he wanted to ascertain the rate to be allowed from the Executive Engineer It will be observed that the Vice President has however affixed his signature to the measurements under date 26-9-31 The Vice President says that the signature covers only the measurements but not the rate charged He has not noted this fact in the measurement book There were no estimate for this work The Vice President has explained that he put the work in hand under the orders of the President This work has however not yet been paid for It was when estimates and bills for this work were being prepared that the other Contractors rushed to me with their complaints, with the result that the President seized the measurement book If these complaints had not arisen at that juncture, I have no doubt that the work would have been paid for at the rate of 2½ annas

11 It is true that there has been no proof forthcoming that the money has fraudulently drawn did pass into the hands of the Vice President In the nature of the case, it is impossible to secure on this point evidence which would satisfy a Court of Law Taking all the circumstances into consideration, however, I feel no doubt that the irregularities referred to above were deliberately perpetrated by the Vice President with the help of the Sanitary Inspector and were not due to negligence on his part as the Vice President seeks to make out in his defence It is extremely improbable that the Sanitary Inspector would have on his own account made these false records, if he was not sure of at least the connivance of the Vice President When these irregularities came to light they shook the confidence of the Public

of Chitaldrug I would have had no hesitation in recommending his removal, had he not forestalled me by tendering his resignation No further action is therefore necessary regarding his conduct I am reporting to Government separately the resignation tendered by Mr Srinivasa Rois and about filling up the vacancy.

12 As regards the Sanitary Inspector Chikahendrappa the measurements are in his handwriting He is equally responsible for these irregularities His conduct deserves to be visited with Condign punishment On the receipt of the first report, I placed him under suspension His part in the transactions seems to be that of an unwilling instrument in the hands of the unscrupulous Vice President To use his own words, he has danced to the tune of the Vice President I have made personal enquiries independantly, and am morally convinced, the statements of the Contractors notwithstanding, that he benifit accrued to the Sanitary Inspector out of these transactions He has put in a service of 17 years and has had a good record throughout In view of these circumstances, I have felt justified in taking a lienient view of his conduct He is now drawing a pay of Rs 51/- I have reduced him to Rs.30/- and shall post him to one of the minor Municipalities

13 I have no reason to suspect the Head Clerk of complicity in these shady transactions The Vice President and he have not been getting on well As explained by him, I have no doubt that he did bring the irregularities to the notice of the Vice President who overruled him I was about to transfer this Head Clerk elsewhere a few days before these complaints arose A number of Municipal Councillors came to me and requested me not to disturb him from the Municipality as he was doing his work in an honest and straight-forward manner They seem to have thought that he was a check in the Office on the vagaries of the Vice President In deference to their wishes, I decided to keep him on

14 I must say that the President Mr Darashaha cannot be absolved from responsibility for these irregularities Had he exercised greater scrutiny over the papers placed before him by

the Vice President, these might have been avoided He seems to have placed implicit confidence in the Vice President I think he was justified to some extent in doing so I have warned him to be more careful in future

I am submitting the connected records for favour of perusal and return

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
CHITRADRUG DISTRICT

Tel Address —Depcom
CHITALDRUG

In reply please refer to
No 81-C 978/31-32
Enclosures

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT

Dated Chitaldrug 3rd November 1931

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FROM

The *Deputy Commissioner*
Chitaldrug District

GENERAL SECRETARY
5 NOV 1931
No 2114

To

The Secretary to Government
General Department
BANGALORE

Dno 2093

Sir

In continuation of my letter dated Davangere 28th October 1931 submitting a detailed report on the irregularities connected with the Chitaldrug town municipality, I have the honor to state that Mr H Srinivasa Jois the elected Vice President of the Municipality tendered his resignation on the 18th instant and this has been accepted Action is being taken separately to fill up the vacancy

I have the honor to be
S I R
Your most obedient servant

for Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

GENERAL SECRETARY
7 NOV 1931
No 3173

The main file (D 2093) Rl 31-31-1 has been submitted to the Secy on 6 11 31 This will be placed in that file & worked up Subd - for orders -

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Routine Notes

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Signed by Mr.

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(vi) published in the Gazette Kannada Part ?

Section ML

File No 31-31

Serial No 3

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read— Correspondence ending with letter no SLC 978/31 of the 3rd November 1931, from the Deputy Commr, Chitaldrug District submitting for perusal, the records relating to certain irregularities in connection with road repairs recently executed in the Chitaldrug Municipality and stating that, as a result of investigation into the matter, Mr H. Simmasa Jois, the elected Vice-

President of the Munc
tendered his resignation
on the 18th October 1931
which has been accepted
& that the pay of the
Sanitary Inspector
Chickchendrapur
has been reduced
from Rs 51 to Rs 30 p.m.
& that he
will be posted to
One of the Minor Municipalities in the
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Order No - 374.
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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
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Correspondence ending with letter No Sl C 978/31-32 dated the 3rd November 1931 from the Deputy Commissioner Chitaldrug District submitting for perusal, the records relating to certain irregularities in connection with road repairs recently executed in the Chitaldrug Municipality and stating that as a result of investigation into the matter Mr H Srinivasa Jois the elected Vice-President of the Municipality tendered his resignation on the 18th October 1931 which has been accepted and that the pay of the Sanitary Inspector Chickchendrappa has been reduced from Rs 51/ to Rs 30/- per mensem and that he will be posted to one of the -- Minor Municipalities in the District

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Order No 3943-4/Rc 31-32
Dated Bangalore 23rd November 1931

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V Subramanyasastri
For General Secretary to Government

The Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District with connected records

The Comptroller to Government

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT

Section Rnl

File No 31-31

Serial No 65

Diary No of letter replied to L 2114

No L 4571/ Encl one file & one measure book

To The Dy comm., Bhutalang District

Bhutalang

Sir

I am directed to return herewith the file of recds relating to the irregularities discovered in connection with road repairs executed in the Bhutalang municipality, recd with your letter no Sl c 9781/31 dated 28th oct 1931

I have the

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Signed by Mr V S Sastri

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